

REVENUE (VIG.VII) DEPARTMENT

Sub: PS - Allegation of Corruption against Sri S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka(V), Nidamanoor(M), Nalgonda Dist.- Trapped on 22-5-2008- Reg.

Ref:- From Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Hyderabad range, Hyderabad, dt.23/24-5-2008.

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Please see the Message received from the Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Hyderabad Range, Hyderabad at Page 1 cf.,

The Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Hyderabad is informed that S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka(V), Nidamanoor(M), Nalgonda Dist. was trapped by the ACB official on 22-5-2008 when he demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 2500/- from the complainant Sri N.Venkateshwarlu for doing official favour for preparation and issue of Pattadar Pass Book and Title deeds. The A.O. was arrested on 22-5-2008 at 15.00 hours and being produced before the Hon'ble Addl.Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Hyderabad for judicial remand and further requested to place the AO S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka(V), Nidamanoor(M), Nalgonda Dist under suspension.

In view of the above, it is submitted for orders whether the Collector, Nalgonda district/CCLA may be requested to issue suspension order immediately in respect of S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka(V), Nidamanoor(M), Nalgonda Dist and also to file caveat petitions in the APAT/APHC so as to restrain the Accused Officer from obtaining stay orders and intimate the same to Government

Subject to orders, a draft Memo is submitted below for approval.

Rev(Vig.VII) department

MEMO NO.27193/VIG.VII(2)/2008- , Dt: .05.2008

Sub: Public Servants - Allegation of Corruption against S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka(V), Nidamanoor(M), Nalgonda Dist - Trapped on 22-5-2008-Place the individual under suspension and also file caveat petition in APAT/APHC - Reg.

Ref:- From Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Hyderabad range, Hyderabad.

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The attention of the Collector & District Magistrate, Nalgonda is invited to the ref. cited. He is informed that S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka(V), Nidamanoor(M), Nalgonda Dist was trapped on 22-5-08 by ACB and he was arrested on 22-5-2008 at 3.00 P.M. He is requested to place S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka(V), Nidamanoor(M), Nalgonda Dist under suspension immediately and to take action to file caveat petition in APAT/APHC immediately so as to restrain the Accused Officer from obtaining stay orders and send the compliance report to Government.

2. This may be treated as **MOST IMMEDIATE**.

To

The Collector, Nalgonda District.

The Special Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration,
Hyderabad

Copy to :

The Director General , Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.

The Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.Vigilance Commission,
Hyderabad.

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(From the APVC.Hyd. LrNo.2968/VC.C3/2008-2, dt.12-1-09)

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Please see the letter dt. 12.1.2009 of the APVC. Hyd. at page 87 c.f.

The issue in the file relates to the allegation of demand and acceptance of bribe amount leveled against S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, O/o Tahsildar, Nidamanoor Mandal, Nalgonda dist

Brief History of the case:

The Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Hyderabad in his radio message has informed that S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka(V), Nidamanoor(M), Nalgonda Dist. was trapped by the ACB official on 22-5-2008 when he demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 2500/- from the complainant Sri N.Venkateshwarlu for doing official favour for preparation and issue of Pattadar Pass Book and Title deeds. The A.O. was arrested on 22-5-2008 at 15.00 hours and being produced before the Hon'ble Addl.Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Hyderabad for judicial remand and further requested to place the AO S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka(V), Nidamanoor(M), Nalgonda Dist under suspension. The District Collector, Nalgonda vide Procs.Rc.No. A3/5829/2008, dt.24-5-2008 issued orders placing him under suspension.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau vide his Lr.,dt.15-11-08 has stated that the Accused Officer was trapped on 22-5-2008 when he demanded and accepted Rs.2500/- from the complainant for showing official favour of returning of Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed of complainant is held substantiated and recommended for prosecution of the A.O. in a court of law.

The Vigilance Commissioner in this matter has advised to consider and accord sanction for prosecution of the A.O. in a court of law for the

offences punishable under section 7, 13(2),r/w13(1)9d) of P.C.Act., 1988 and accord sanction for prosecution.

In view of the above it is for consideration and orders whether S.Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka(V), Nidamanoor(M), Nalgonda Dist. may be prosecuted in a court of law for the offences punishable under section 7, 13(2),r/w13(1)9d) of P.C.Act., 1988

After Orders are passed the file may be circulated to M(Rev) for approval.

ABSTRACT

Public services – Revenue Department – Allegations of corruption against Sri Sagam Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka (V), Office of the Tahisildar, Nidmanoor (M), Nalgonda District – Sanction for Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIG-VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No:

Dated: -3-2009

O R D E R:

Whereas, Sagam Thirupathi Reddy S/o Venkatapathi Reddy, joined Government service on 7-2-1992. He worked as Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka (V), Nidmanoor (M), Nalgonda District from 8-2-2007 to 22-5-2008 and by virtue of the post held by him falls under category of public servant as defined under Section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, (Central Act 49 of 1988).

And, whereas it is alleged that Sri Narsing Venkateswarlu is native of Govindannagudem hamlet of Marupaka (V), Nidamanoor (M), Nalgonda District. The agriculture land to an extent of 1.00 acre in Sy.No.505/24 situate at Marupaka Village was cultivated by Sri Narsing Venkateswarlu's father from the year 1982 to 1990 and the same is under his possession. During the year 2005-06 Sri N. Venkateswarlu submitted a petition to Mandal Revenue Officer, Nidamanoor with a request to issue Patta Certificate in his name on the said land. The Mandal Revenue Officer, Nidamanoor after conducting enquiry through Revenue Inspector & Village Administrative Officer, issued Patta Certificate vide Proc.No. C/892/206 dated: 21-03-2006. A copy of the said proceedings was also marked to Sri Thirupathi Reddy, Village Administrative Officer, with instructions to enter the details of his 1.00 Acre land in the Amendment Register, Pattadar Pass Book & Title Deed. Sri N. Venkateswarlu then handed over his Pattadar Pass Book & Title Deed to Sri Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer for the said purpose. Sri Thirupathi Reddy made entries of Sri N. Venkateswarlu's 1.00 Acre land in Pattadar Pass Book and Title deed and kept the Pass Books with him. Sri N. Venkateswarlu met Sri Thirupathi Reddy several times and requested to return his Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed, but he did not return the same. On 5-5-2008 Sri N. Venkateswarlu met Sri Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, at office of the Tahsildar, Nidamanoor and asked him to return his Pass Book & Title Deed, but the Village Revenue Officer demanded an amount of Rs.3,000/- as bribe for returning the said Books Sri N. Venkateswarlu came back as he was not in a position to pay that much amount as bribe. Again on 21-05-2008, Sri N. Venkateswarlu met Sri Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, at Tahsildar Office, Nidamanoor and requested to return

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his Pass Books, on which Sri Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, reiterated his earlier demand and stated that he would return the Pass Books only on payment of Rs.3,000/- as bribe and not otherwise. On the persistent requests of Sri N. Venkateswarlu that he is a poor man and not in a position to pay such huge amount as bribe, Sri Thirupathi Reddy reduced his demand to Rs.2,500/- and stated that he would return the pass books only on payment of Rs. 2,500/- as bribe. As there was no other go Sri N.

Venkateswarlu agreed to pay the said bribe amount of Rs.2,500/- and informed him that he would come and meet him on 22-05-2008 along with demanded bribe amount. As Sri N. Venkateswarlu was not willing to pay the bribe amount to Sri S. Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka (V) and unless he pays the bribe amount, his work would not be done. Hence, Sri N. Venkateswarlu requested for taking necessary action against Sri S. Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka (V), Office of the Tahasildar, Nidmanoor (M) of Nalgonda District. The Inspector of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Nalgonda, after due enquiry registered a Case in Cr.No.9/ACB-HR/2008 Under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 22-5-2008 at 0745 hours and investigated into;

And whereas it is alleged that on the date of trap i.e. on 22-5-2008 Sri Narsing Venkateswarlu, the Complainant after leaving the trap party, proceeded to the Office of the Tahasildar, Nidamanoor and found Sri Sangam Thirupathi Reddy was not available. When Sri N. Venkateswarlu contacted Sri S. Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, over phone, he informed that he is nearer to the Office of the Tahasildar and coming to the Office and also instructed him to wait till his arrival. Accordingly Sri N. Venkateswarlu waited at the Office of the Tahasildar, Nidmanoor and at about 11.50 AM Sri Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer came on his bike and asked Sri N. Venkateswarlu to sit on his bike and took him to Suresh Tea Stall & Sweet House situated opposite to the Tahasildar Office on the other side of the main road. Sri S. Thirupathi Reddy parked his Motorcycle in front of the Tea Stall and both went to the Tea Stall to have a cup of tea. When Sri N. Venkateswarlu asked Sri S. Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer to give his Pattadar Pass Books, Sri Thirupathi Reddy enquired whether the demanded bribe amount is brought. On his positive reply, the Sri S. Thirupathi Reddy asked him to pay. Then Sri N. Venkateswarlu took out the wad of currency notes from his left front shirt pocket and offered to Thirupathi Reddy, who received the said amount with his right hand, counted the same with both hands and kept them in his front right side secret pant pocket. Then Sri S. Thirupathi Reddy took out the Pattadar Pass Books and Title Deeds (four sets) belonging to Sri N. Venkateswarlu and his family members from the side box on his Motorbike and handed over to him. Then, Sri N. Venkateswarlu gave prearranged signal to the Trap party. Both the hand fingers as well as the inner flap of the front secret pocket of wearing pant of Sri S. Thirupathi Reddy when subjected Phenolphthalein test yielded positive results. The

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tainted amount of Rs. 2,500/- were recovered from the possession of Sri S. Thirupathi Reddy from his front secret pocket of the Pant that he was wearing and the said amount of Rs. 2,500/- were seized under cover of Post trap proceedings.

And whereas the above said acts of Sri Sangam Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka (V), Office of the Tahsildar, Nidmanoor (M), Nalgonda District constitutes the offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(1)(d) read with section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988;

And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Sagam Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka (V) Office of the Tahsildar, Nidmanoor (M), Nalgonda District from Government service, after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them in respect of the above said allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri S. Thirupathi Reddy should be prosecuted in the court of law for the afore said offences.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred Under Section 19(1) (b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Sri Sagam Thirupathi Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Marupaka (V), Office of the Tahsildar, Nidmanoor (M), Nalgonda District for the afore said offences punishable under section 7 & 13 (1) (d) read with section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said allegations and for taking cognizance of the said offence by the court of competent jurisdiction.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad.

Please see the orders in circulation at page 5 ante. Accordingly, draft sanction of Prosecution order is submitted below for approval. After approval the file may sent to Law department for vetting of draft sanction of prosecution order.